

Welcome



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to Calvert Cliffs State Park!

Formed over 15 million years ago, the Calvert Cliffs span 30 miles of shoreline along the Chesapeake Bay in Southern Maryland. Calvert Cliffs State Park's visitors can hike to these unique cliffs. Along the way, you will see a freshwater and tidal marshland and get to a sandy beach where fossils abound.



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While you are enjoying the park, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace outdoor ethics.

Natural Heritage

At one time, a warm, shallow sea covered all Southern Maryland. When the sea receded 20-25 million years ago, cliffs were exposed and began eroding. Today these cliffs reveal the remains of prehistoric species, including sharks, whales, rays and seabirds that were the size of small airplanes. Over 600 species of fossils have been identified from Calvert Cliffs. The fossils that draw the most visitors are the shark's teeth that are often found. Be sure to search for shark's teeth on the beach only. Do not enter the unstable cliff area.



Allow others to discover the park's unique resources. If you take fossils, take only what you can put in your hands.



Calvert Cliffs State Park is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake. To find more Bay Gateways visit [www.baygateways.net](http://www.baygateways.net)

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Maryland Park Service  
1-800-830-3974 - TTY users call via MD Relay

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[www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)

Park Guidelines and Regulations

Park regulations are necessary to protect you as well as to assure a quality recreational experience for other visitors. Regulations are posted in convenient places throughout the park. Please observe them.

- A service charge is required to enter the park.
- Pets are not permitted Calvert Cliffs State Park.
- Remember, our park is Trash-free. Trash cans are not available. Pack it in, pack it out!
- Please report any problems to a park employee or call Park Watch at 1-800-825-7275.



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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CALVERT CLIFFS  
STATE PARK



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**Picnicking & Pavilion**

Calvert Cliffs State Park features a picnic area with picnic tables and grills. A picnic pavilion seating up to 50 people can be reserved for larger groups. Call 301-743-7613 to make a reservation.

**Playground**

 Children can enjoy zip lines, a ten-tire bouncer, tire swings and much more. From tires otherwise destined for landfill, this accessible playground offers something for people of all abilities and ages.

**Hiking**

More than 13 miles of trails can be hiked through the freshwater marshland. Bicycles are restricted to the service road.

**Fishing**

A one-acre fishing pond is located in the picnic area. A Maryland Freshwater fishing license is required for anyone 16 years and older. A Maryland Sportfishing license is required for Bay fishing at the beach.

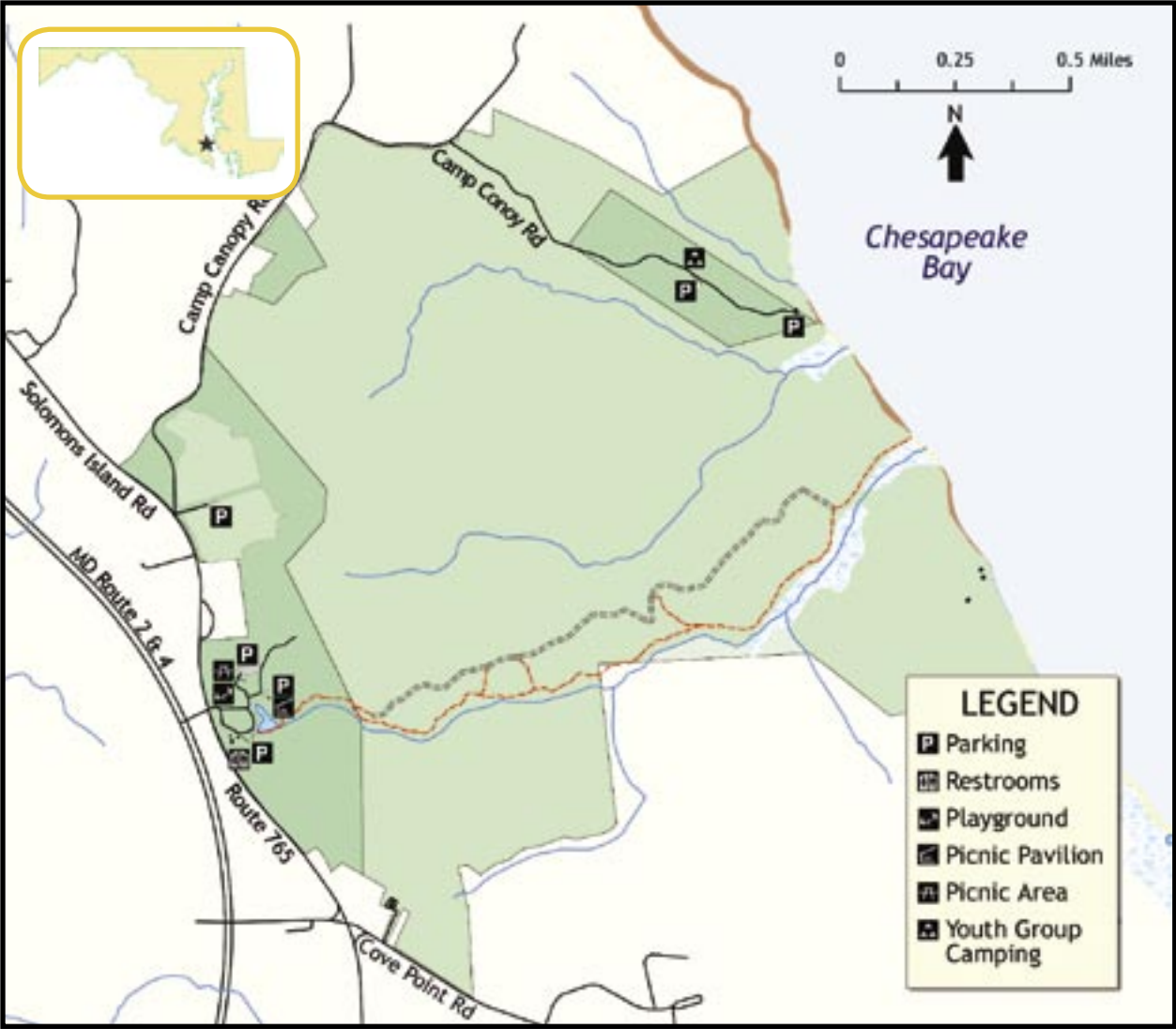
**Hunting**

Approximately 550 acres are open to hunting for upland game, turkey and deer. Upland game species include squirrels and rabbits. Turkey hunting is permitted only during the spring gobbler season. Deer hunting is permitted in season. All hunters must register at the parking area. For more information about hunting in Maryland visit:  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide)

A full-color, comprehensive Calvert Cliffs State Park Trail Guide is available for sale, upon request, for only \$3.00. It depicts those trails that are not shown on this brochure. It is available for purchase on our website:  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/trailguides.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/trailguides.html)

**Friends of Calvert Cliffs**

Founded in 1990, The Friends of Calvert Cliffs, Inc. is a not-for-profit volunteer organization. The group is very active in the management and operation of the park. The volunteers collect funds at the gate and use all the monies to benefit the park. Through these funds



and their efforts, buildings have been constructed, a bridge installed, trails improved, maintenance projects accomplished, and equipment purchased. If you would like to help or need more information, call the park office at 301-743-7613.

**Directions**

Take Rte 301 south to Rte 4 south. Travel approximately 36 miles. Make a left onto Rte 765 (approximately 14 miles south of Prince Frederick). Follow Rte 765 and signs to the park entrance.

**Become a Volunteer**

Volunteers are important to the operation of the park as camp hosts, volunteer rangers or to assist with projects. If you are interested in becoming a park volunteer, contact the park for information.

**Purchase a Trail Guide**

A trail guide featuring a topographic map and trail descriptions can be purchased at the park office or on our website: [www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)



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